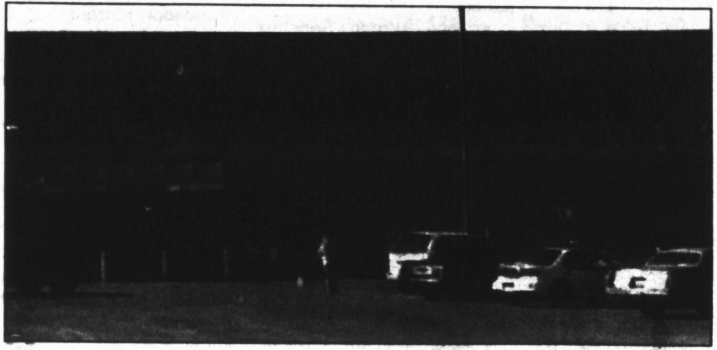

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Some customers, employees say they're saddened Brookshire's will close Oct. 2.

Brookshire's to close

Grocer is second one to leave in wake of new Wal-Mart

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For four years, countless Mineral Wells shoppers have walked through the glass doors of Brookshire's grocery store off Garret Morris Parkway.

However, those automatic doors won't be sliding open to welcome shoppers for much longer.

At 4 p.m. on Oct. 2, Brookshire's will lock its doors.

According to Jim Gee, public relations manager for Brookshire's, the decision to close the 45,000-square-foot store was based on a number of factors.

"It's just a corporate business decision and in the best interest of the company at this time," Gee said. He said they had purchased the store from Winn-Dixie and opened the Brookshire's store in June of 2002. The building Brookshire's is in, he noted, is a leased facility.

The store employs 40 people and Gee explained they are

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